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The Honorable Kristin K. Mayes  
Chairman  
Arizona Corporation Commission  
1200 West Washington  
Phoenix, Arizona 85007

Dear Chairman Mayes:

I would like to affirm my opposition in the ACC's consideration to regulate both Solar Service Agreements and Power Purchase Agreements. As head of the region's economic development organization and an advocate for advancing a solar industry cluster in Arizona, I intimately understand the role of both utilities and solar energy providers in servicing communities and businesses. By implementing regulation of SSAs and PPAs, the promise of solar in Arizona faces a dangerous threat and future energy needs will be at-risk.

The regulatory decisions made by the ACC directly affect our state's ability to create jobs, particularly in the solar industry. One of Arizona's strong suits is the platform of economic freedom the state provides as a business climate. Given our current economic challenges, Arizona's reputation as a business-friendly operating and regulatory environment has never been more important.

To-date, the ACC has created strong momentum in establishing a policy framework that encourages and increases the adoption of distributed solar projects. Yet, by introducing regulation of SSAs and PPAs, such forward progress will be reversed. Such regulation would inhibit competition and drive investors and capital to other markets, resulting in higher prices for consumers. It will put Arizona at an unfavorable disadvantage in the competition for solar investment and quality jobs.

I encourage the ACC to take these consequences into consideration and uphold a responsibility to ensuring Arizona's economy remains strong and viable.

Sincerely,

Barry Broome  
President and CEO

Arizona Corporation Commission

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